

Duvall Library Board Minutes, August 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on August 25, 2008. Present were: Library Board: Alan Butler, Don Barden, Denny Redman, and Paige Denison. Karen Wallin was excused.

KCLS Duvall Library: Managing Librarian Laura Boyes

DCC/FOL: Joe Lee Davidson.

River Current News: Reporter Carol Ladwig.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes for the meeting held on July 28, 2008 were unanimously approved with two corrections: The date of the meeting should show "2008" and the last line on the first page should read "The Budget Funeral Band."

Old Business:

South Duvall Design Workshop: Paige briefed the board on her impressions of the South Duvall Design Workshop (formerly known as "charrette") that was held on August 12 and which she and Laura Boyes attended. Participants included representatives and architects from KCLS, Washington Holdings, and CamWest. The City of Duvall was represented by the Mayor and representatives from the Department of Public Works. Cari Hornbein of the Planning department, helped to facilitate the workshop along with Bob Yakis, an outside facilitator. The purpose of the workshop was to coordinate planning and design of the Big Rock Road developments, of which the new library was a key component. Paige and Laura were impressed by the enthusiasm, involvement, and apparent commitment of the planning and design teams to coordinate their plans and share information in order to break ground in the Spring of 2009.

Paige indicated that according to concept drawings, the development is planned in three Phases. Phase I will include the library, which is proposed to be located on the NE corner of Big Rock and the extension of Third Avenue, which will be curved to meet Big Rock Road at a right angle. Paige noted that Washington Holdings had to submit their site development application to the City by September 30, 2008, which was one key reason to get the concerned parties working together right away. The architects for the developers were excited that the project involved a library, which all considered being the "jewel" and something that could not be duplicated.

Paige said that the participants identified five near-term objectives that had to be met to get the project underway by next Spring:

1. KCLS, CamWest, and Washington Holdings have to develop a design for the "Village Center. Paige commented on the "creative energy" and "mutual respect" that the architects for the three entities displayed.
2. The City of Duvall and Washington Holdings must coordinate to ensure that mixed use requirements will be met.
3. The City of Duvall and Washington Holdings must move on a development agreement that will expedite the application and permitting process.

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4. Street alignments must be addressed to ensure smooth traffic flow, pedestrian access, transition to walking/biking paths, etc.
5. The City of Duvall and the developers must meet to ensure that the storm water requirements are met and to address the various environment impacts of runoff as a result of the development.

Paige said that Kaye Johnson of KCLS was very anxious to begin design work on the library, and wanted to get a “buildable lot” as soon as possible, and perhaps even before the critical infrastructure (streets, utilities, etc.) were completed. That might increase costs considerably for KCLS. There was some discussion concerning sharing of costs for the infrastructure of Phase I, but such a sharing would mean that all the parties would have work in unison. A shared approach would delay the library’s start somewhat.

Paige noted that the site set aside for the new Lake Washington Technical College could not be immediately developed, as the funds were not now available to LWTC.

Overall, Paige and Laura emphasized that all the participants in the Workshop were forthright with their concerns, but worked together in a very cooperative spirit. There was a good exchange of ideas and all seemed committed to a development that would serve the community. There was agreement to consider employing, as much as possible, green building techniques and to provide a real mix of different residential and living options in the development. Paige was impressed that the various design teams were committed to “put a project together that the community would embrace.” She came away with a good feeling about the meeting.

New Business: Laura said that the library was looking for outreach opportunities to help patrons to navigate through the KCLS website and to develop other basic computer skills. She mentioned attendance at Duvall Days, Carnation 4th of July as likely opportunities for one-on-one outreach.

The Summer Reading Program celebration will be held on August 27 at 7:50 in the Library’s Rose Room. Laura was very pleased to report that participation was very high so far.

Laura said that the Woodinville Library would be closed for two weeks in late September/early October for remodeling. One result will be new self-checkout stations.

Library Board Annual Report: Paige said that the Board is scheduled to make its annual report to the City Council on September 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fire Hall.

Other:

Duvall Civic Club/Friends of the Library: Joe Lee said that meetings would resume in September, after the summer break, at which time new officers would be elected.

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KCLS Board of Trustees Meeting: Paige reminded the Board that the next KCLS Board meeting will be later in the week, on August 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Next Library Board Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned t 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Don Barden